

REMARKS

1. In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 41-64 were last presented. All the claims were rejected in the outstanding Office Action. By the foregoing Amendments, no claims have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 41-64 will remain pending in this application. Of these twenty-four (24) claims, two (2) claims (claims 41 and 58) are independent. Based on the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding objections and rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

2. Independent claims 41 and 58 and dependent claims 42-57 and 59-64 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,374,293 to Dev, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Dev").

3. Independent claim 41 recites, in part, "receiving a user selection to modify one of the plurality of group view containers; presenting to the user, in response to the user selection, a user interface listing the user-definable group view attributes for the selected group view container; and receiving via the user interface a user modification of one or more of the listed group view attributes." (*See*, Applicant's claim 41, above.)

4. In rejecting claim 41, the Examiner alleged that Dev describes "said user modifying (i.e., via the user interface) the listed attribute." In support of this assertion, the Examiner refers Applicant to Dev's alarm log display attributes depicted in Fig. 10 of Dev. The Examiner also refers Applicant to column 9, line 21 through column 10, line 11, of Dev for support. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner and submits that the Examiner's reliance on Dev is misplaced.

5. Referring first to Fig. 10 of Dev, this figure illustrates an Alarm Log View that may be displayed to a user. This view is described as including an area that displays information pertaining to a selected alarm and a button panel that displays options available for an alarm. (*See, e.g.*, Dev, col. 14, lns. 39-56.) The user of the Dev device may then click on an alarm in the listing of current alarms to obtain more information regarding. Nothing, however, in this

figure or elsewhere in Dev indicates that the displayed alarm information may be modified by the user. As such, Dev fails to teach or suggest receiving, via a user interface, a user modification to one or more listed group view attributes as alleged by the Examiner.

6. The text of Dev relied on by the Examiner is similarly unsupportive of a the Section 102 rejection. Specifically, this section of Dev discloses a model type editor that can be used to modify and control models in the virtual network. This section does not, however, disclose a user interface. This deficiency has been acknowledged by the Examiner with the Examiner's reliance on other teachings of Dev as evidence that Dev discloses Applicants' claimed user interface. In particular, elsewhere in the Office Action the Examiner relies on the user displays described at column 12, lines 7-19 and col. 13 lines 32-44 as allegedly disclosing a "user interface" as recited in claim 41. (*See, e.g.*, Office Action at 4).

7. It should be noted, however, that even if the Examiner did allege that this model type editor of Dev discloses a user interface, the model type editor does not list user-definable group view attributes for a select group view container, as claimed. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this section of Dev fails to teach or suggest "receiving via the user interface a user modification of one or more of the listed group view attributes," as recited in claim 41.

8. In the Response to Arguments section of the Office Action, the Examiner also indicated that reliance was placed on portions of Dev other than those stated in the rejection and addressed above, namely, column 3 line 66 through column 4, line 20; column 4 line 56 through column 5 line 2; column 13 lines 7-19 and Fig. 7A-7C of Dev. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner and submits that the Examiner's reliance on these additional sections, each of which is addressed below, is similarly misplaced.

9. Col. 3 line 66 - col. 4 line 20 of Dev discloses a view personality module connected to a user interface 10 that contains a collection of data modules which permit the user interface to provide different views of the network. This section further discloses a personality module that a user may alter to specify customized views or displays. This section, however, does not disclose using the user interface of Dev to alter the personality module, but instead merely discloses using the personality module to provide different views of the network. As such, this section does not disclose receiving a user modification to one or more of the listed group view attributes via a user interface, as claimed.

10. Col. 4 line 56- col. 5 line 2 of Dev discloses a network management system that both services user requests entered by the user at the user interface and that provides network information such as alarms and events to the user interface. These user requests are disclosed as requests for information from a database (Dev, col. 7 lns. 45-46); requests for a statistics log manager to obtain and display statistics information from the external database (Dev, col. 7 ln. 67- col. 8 ln. 2). Dev, however, does not disclose that these user requests are requests to modify a group view attribute.

11. Col. 13 lines 7-19 of Dev discloses a user display that provides generic views such as an alarm log, an event log, a text display, a chart or any other way of displaying attribute information. The user may then traverse through the different views to obtain different network information by clicking on icons. The system further discloses pull-down menus, which permit selection of different views. This section, however, does not disclose a user being able to modify a group view attribute via the user interface of Dev, but instead discloses the user being able to view (not modify) an alarm log, an event log, or other attribute information.

12. Figs. 7A-7C of Dev illustrate different location display views of a network, where an icon representing a network location in the view of Fig. 7A may be clicked on to obtain the next lower level view (e.g., the view of Fig. 7B). Likewise, an icon in the view of Fig. 7B may be clicked on to obtain a lower level view, such as illustrated by the view of Fig. 7C. Thus, these Figures illustrate being able to obtain different views of the network. They do not however teach or suggest modifying a group view attribute. In particular, the Examiner in rejecting claim 41 relied on the Alarm log display attributes illustrated in Fig. 10 of Dev as allegedly disclosing a group view attribute. (See, Office Action at 4, "Dev also describes that said user modifying (i.e., via the user interface) the listed attribute (see e.g., Alarm log display attributes, Fig. 10)). Figs. 7A-7C, however, do not illustrate the alarm log display attribute relied on by the Examiner, nor being able to modify such an attribute. Instead, Figs. 7A-7C merely illustrate different views of the network, and as such do not teach or suggest modifying a group view attribute.

13. Thus, although the Examiner has cited sections of Dev disclosing a user display, a user interface, and different network views none of the sections relied on by the Examiner teach or suggest "presenting to a user, in response to the selection, a user interface listing the

user-definable group view attributes for the selected group view container; and receiving via the user interface a user modification of one or more of the listed group view attributes,” as recited in independent claim 41. Reconsideration and withdraw of the rejection of claim 41 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

14. Independent claim 58 recited, *inter alia*, “[a] system for allowing a user to determine a health status of network objects in a managed network environment, comprising: means for displaying a plurality of group view containers each corresponding to a group of network objects sharing at least one user-definable group view attribute, ...; means for displaying a representation of the network object, ...; means for receiving a user selection to modify one of said plurality of group view containers; means for presenting to the user, in response to the user selection, a listing the user-definable group view attributes for the selected group view container; and means for receiving a user modification of one or more of the listed group view attributes.” (See, Applicant’s claim 58, above.)

15. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 58 is allowable over Dev for at least the reasons set out above in connection with independent claim 41. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 58 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

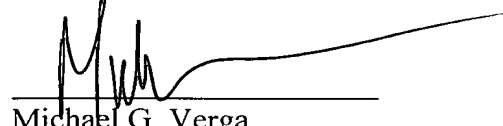
Dependent Claims

16. The dependent claims incorporate all of the subject matter of their respective independent claims and add additional subject matter which makes them a fortiori and independently patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections of the dependent claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

17. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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